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## ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY LEADERS TO MEET IN SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO – Experts from the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) will address the latest trends in prevention, treatment and recovery services during a statewide conference in Sacramento on September 6-8, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The conference, "Developing a Comprehensive Continuum of Services," will bring together administrators, policy makers and industry researchers to discuss California's future in alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery. The conference will cover key issues such as innovative and best practices in prevention, treatment and recovery, cultural competence, criminal justice, youth services and family-focused approaches.

"This conference represents an opportunity for open discussion about enhancing our statewide prevention and treatment systems and our community and client relationships," said Kathryn P. Jett, director of ADP.

Leaders in the field of substance abuse services speaking at the conference will include, Lee D. Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff, Stephanie Covington, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., internationally known speaker and author on treatment services for women, and David Mee-Lee, M.D., a specialist in co-occurring disorders.

On any given day in California, there are more than 140,000 individuals receiving publicly funded treatment services. Since 2004-05, statistics show methamphetamine addiction is the primary drug of choice for 34 percent of individuals entering treatment, surpassing alcohol and heroin, which represent 19 percent each.

For more information, please visit ADP's homepage: <a href="www.adp.ca.gov">www.adp.ca.gov</a>, the conference website: <a href="http://www.cce.csus.edu/cts06/adp/index.cfm">http://www.cce.csus.edu/cts06/adp/index.cfm</a> or call 916-323-1706.

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